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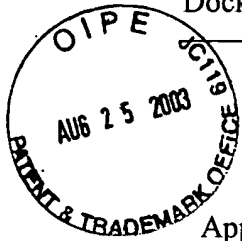
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 15 references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 15 references. References 1 through 13 are of record in related Application Serial No. 09/517,674 filed March 2, 2000. Therefore, copies of these references are not enclosed. References 14 through 15 are enclosed.


This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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